

**Virtual Fellowship Roundtable Agenda**  
**May 5, 2021**

**Organized by Fellowships Office, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine**

- 10:00 AM**     **Welcome - Christine O'Brien, Fellowships Office, NASEM**
- 10:10 AM**     **Plenary Presentation: Update on U.S. Graduate Student Population & CGS Focus on Graduate Students and Current Mental Health Issues**  
Speaker: Dr. Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools  
Q and A
- 11:00 AM**     **Identifying Strategies for Supporting Students in Uncertain Times**  
Presenter and Discussion Leader: Layne Scherer, Policy and Global Affairs, NASEM
- 11:30 AM**     **“Now is the Time to Focus on Faculty Diversity”**  
Speaker: Hannah Bartlebaugh, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
- 12:00 PM**     **Break**
- 12:15 PM**     **The Mentoring Continuum**  
Presenter and Discussion Leader: Dr. Ansley Abraham, SREB  
Panelists: Dr. Bob Belle, Senior Consultant, Doctoral Scholars Program, SREB and Dr. William Wittels, The Graduate School, Brown University
- 1:00 PM**     **Break**
- 1:10 PM**     **Strategies for Planning Conferences During a Pandemic: Virtual vs. In-Person**  
**Moderator: Zerxes Spencer, National Endowment for Democracy**  
Panelists: Dr. Ansley Abraham-SREB, Irene Hulede- American Society for Microbiology, and Dr. MariaElena Zavala- California State University at Northridge and Past President of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- 2:00 PM**     **Discussion of Future Topics and Identifying Volunteers**  
(e.g., Evaluation, Strategies for Program Promotion, Fostering Alumni Networks, Virtual Conference Planning and Webinars)
- 2:15 PM**     **Adjourn**